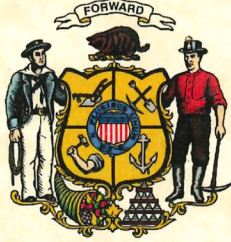


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; school libraries and programs led by professional school librarians play a vital role in literacy and learning, help students become more engaged and well-rounded, and are linked with higher academic achievement levels; and

*WHEREAS*; school library programs provide Wisconsin's students with the skills they will need to access and use information throughout their lives, contributing to a lifelong interest in learning and the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that will prepare them for higher education and careers in the global economy; and

*WHEREAS*; school library programs provide access to a wide variety of essential educational materials, including books, magazines, digital resources, online resources and information databases, and the technology and instructional expertise needed to utilize these resources effectively and responsibly; and

*WHEREAS*; the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon trained professional school librarians whose varied skills assist and support teachers and students in using this wide range of information resources; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin's school libraries and their staff have met the challenge of supporting teachers and students as they navigate distance learning and adapt to using technology in new ways; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating school libraries and the role of school librarians in providing a high-quality education to students throughout our state;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2021 as

## SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
March 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".  
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TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

